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Long May It Wave



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"Let us then stand by the constitution as it
is, and by our country as it is, one, united, and
entire; let it be a truth engraven on our
hearts; let it be borne on the flag under which
we rally in every emergency, that we have one
country, one constitution, one destiny."—Daniel
Webster.

UNIVERSAL HEALTH REGISTRATION TO COMBAT DISEASE

CLAIMED IT WOULD BE GREAT-
EST AGENT IN SHOWING UP
DISEASE EVER THOUGHT OF.

That America needs health registra-
tion is a suggestion contributed to
anti-tuberculosis and general health
propaganda by Dr. Wm. De Kleine,
president of the Michigan Anti-Tuber-
culosis association. Such a system
would provide a mass of valuable data
about the health of the members of
each community that would be a won-
derful help in combating disease and
in preventing its spread.

The suggestion is taken frankly
from the government's experience in
making registrations for the draft.
In those registrations together with
the information furnished later in the
questionnaires, the government has a
mass of information that enables it to
place each person where he can do
the most good.

But this information has been made
good use of. The Michigan association
for instance has used it to get in
touch with persons of tuberculosis
tendencies. In this way it has been
able to assist a great many persons
whose disease would otherwise not
have been discovered until it would
have been too late to arrest it.

And the same thing holds good to a
large extent with respect to other
diseases. And if the registration
should include all persons, old as well
as young, women as well as men, the
information would be many times
more valuable.

It is recognized that any system of
universal health registration is still
a good ways off, but the draft registra-
tion has given an object lesson in
what can be done along this line that
should not be lost sight of.

There is already a precedent for
such a system in the birth and death
registration of today. General health
registration would be merely an ex-
tension of that idea, but it would pro-
vide health officials with statistics
and information which they could
make great use of in preventing dis-
ease.

A Splendid Window.

It makes old Artie McCoy and Spud
Crawford chuckle every time someone
stops to look at and admire their
tastefully and beautifully trimmed
window in the Belding Hardware Co.'s
store, for they well know that it is
about as good a window as it is pos-
sible to get up for the public to look
at. Of course, both Art and Spud
know all about hunting, the woods,
guns, ammunition, etc., and they have
crowded all their acquired knowledge
in this one window. Life-like pic-
tures of various game birds are shown
and here and there a squirrel is perched
among some of the real trees
which take up part of the room. A
huge real bear skin rug serves as a
floor scene and in the background can
be seen two hunters coming into ac-
tion and while one has his rifle just
coming up to his shoulder ready to
draw a bead on some unlucky creature
of the wilds, the other man is pointing
out a large deer which is fast making
a get-away over on the right side of
the picture. When we stood there
and watched the show, we caught our
breath every little while as we expect-
ed that guy with the gun to blaze
away at that deer. After standing
there awhile we came away and we
guess that the deer must have got
away before the fellow shot because
we haven't heard no one shoot over
that way yet and we bet that if the
fellow ever does fire that rifle there
will be some one here to pay for a
new plate glass window in the store
front. Throwing all joking aside,
it's a mighty realistic window just the
same and if you want to see a good
nature setting take a look at it for
yourself.

Notice, S. & D. of V.

Will all members of the Sons and
Daughters of Veterans be present at
our next meeting, Friday, September
20. Mrs. Ada Fowler, Pres.

FORMER-LOCAL LAWYER DIES AT PORTLAND

News came up to this city Sunday
that Harvey L. VanBenschoten, a for-
mer lawyer here, had died early that
morning at his home in Portland, at
which place he had been living for a
few years back, since he returned from
Krem, S. D., where he had lived for
many years. Mr. VanBenschoten was
sitting in one of the Portland banks
Tuesday noon of last week, when he
complained to the cashier that he felt
a severe pain in his arm and asked
for someone to rub it. Before any-
one reached him, however, his head
limped over to one side and he slid
to the floor. He was removed to his
home and physicians who worked over
him stated that he had suffered a
stroke of paralysis, the second in sev-
eral weeks. There were occasional
signs of returning consciousness, be-
tween the time that he was stricken
Tuesday noon and Sunday morning,
when he died, but he never regained
his senses enough to recognize anyone
who was near him. His funeral is
being held this Wednesday afternoon,
the Ionia Knights Templar, of which
he was a member, will attend in a
body.

Mr. VanBenschoten practiced law
for a number of years in this city and
after closing his business here went
to Krem, S. D., where he secured a
lot of government land. He also in-
duced a number of other people from
this county to locate there and at the
present time there is quite an Ionia
county colony located there. About
two years ago he disposed of his hold-
ings there and moved back to Port-
land, his boyhood home and while
resting and deciding on some line of
endeavor to take up, he was stricken
with paralysis and this was followed
with the second and fatal stroke,
which resulted in his death Sunday.
While residing in South Dakota, Mr.
VanBenschoten held a number of im-
portant political offices and was a pio-
neer and leading man of Mercer coun-
ty, in which Krem is located.
He is survived by his widow and
three sons.

Fred L. Francis Dead.

We extend sympathy to Brother
Arthur L. Francis of the Portland Ob-
server in the death of his father,
Fred L. Francis, who was manager of
the Citizens Telephone Co.'s Green-
ville office. Mr. Francis died at his
home in Greenville Wednesday morn-
ing and the remains were taken back
to the old home town, Portland, on
Thursday afternoon for the funeral
and burial. Mr. Francis was one of
the present day pioneers in Portland
activities and was well known
throughout the county.

Obituary—Mrs. Matilda Smith.

Mrs. Matilda Smith was born near
Boston, Ontario, May 3, 1831. Her
father was Rev. Z. W. Canfield.
She was married Jan. 22, 1856 to
Ansel Smith and came to Michigan to
reside in April of the same year.
They came as far as Jackson by train
and had to come from there to Ionia
by stage. They lived in Ionia county
on a farm most of the time until after
her husband's death Oct., 1881. She
moved to Belding Jan., 1883, and has
continued to reside in the same home
until the time of her death.
She was the mother of three chil-
dren, James A. Smith, who died Feb.,
1915, Mrs. M. L. Osterhout and Mrs.
E. E. Chapple.

Her health began to fail in Feb.,
1911, when she had a severe attack
of grippe. For over three years she
has been a helpless invalid. She
bore her sufferings with a marked de-
gree of patience for one who was in
pain almost constantly.

She was converted at the age of 14
and joined the Baptist church. Mrs.
Smith and her husband were charter
members of the Baptist church of
Belding which was organized in 1875.
She had a great love for her church
and no task was too hard for her to
undertake if she thought it would be
a benefit to the work.

Her death came on Wednesday
morning, Sept. 11. The funeral ser-
vice was held in the Baptist church on
Friday, Sept. 13. After an excellent
sermon by Rev. W. A. Biss, based on
the text, Ps. 73-24, which was given
to him by Mrs. Smith some three
years ago, she was laid to rest in
Green's cemetery by the side of her
husband.

Mrs. L. M. Berry and Mr. Fred
Cornell, accompanied by Mr. Orlo
Morse sang hymns loved and often
quoted by Mrs. Smith.

Wounded Not To Be Mentioned.

In the future the names of those
soldiers who are merely wounded in
France will not be mentioned in news-
papers. Only the names of those
who are killed or missing will be
printed, but relatives of the wounded
men will be notified by the war depart-
ment, however, just the same as they
have been before. There have been
20,000 casualties—fellows who were
not severely wounded, which have not
been reported by General Pershing,
in addition to the 27,000 that have
been reported.

Child Fell in Cistern.

Little Gladys Benedict, the four-
year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Milton Benedict came very near
drowning Monday morning when a cis-
tern cover on the property of Mr. and
Mrs. Wallace Fritch, on which she
was standing, broke under her small
weight and precipitated her into the
black water of the reservoir under-
neath. The cistern was very nearly
full of water and but for the timely
arrival of the child's mother, who ap-
peared on the scene with a garden
rake which she hooked onto the
drowning child's clothes and pulled
her out, she might have been with
the angels today. As it was she was
unconscious for a time and while Dr.
Stanton, who attended her, thinks
that her condition is all right and
that she will pull through, there is
still a possibility of pneumonia setting
in.

Birthday Celebrated.

Leon Rich was reminded last Sat-
urday of his 30th birthday when 30 of
his neighbors, relatives and friends
invaded his home on the North side
and gave him an old-fashioned visit.

Every one present had a good time
and Mr. and Mrs. Rich were made
happy by the many congratulations
they received.

Before the guests departed they left
a fine rocker as a souvenir of the oc-

The Hunter's Moon.

Deep is the charm of a moss green
path
In the woodland's velvet shade,
And the lure of a vagrant way that
leads
Through gold of an open glade;
But a trail of stronger spell I know—
A pike road, level and wide,
With the skimming hint of a frosty
glint,
And the hunter's moon for a guide.

O-ho, how the trat air stirs the blood
That sings in its bounding flight;
The step strikes clear as the clink of
steel
On the smooth, long stretch of light
A rollicking lilt leaps forth to meet
The hoot owl's dolorous groan,
Or the fox's bark from the sooty dark
Of a hollow, eerie and lone.

The streets of the city flash with jets
In circle and crescent gay—
Close-knit with a hundred scenes of
cheer;
But ever the potent way
That calls to me with the fox's cry
And the West Wind's gruff bassoon
Is a pike cut clean, when the air is
keen
At the full of the hunter's moon.

Toast ye the maiden whose dainty
grace
Is sweet as a flower's can be,
Or the dusk-eyed daughter of South-
ern dreams,
But this is the toast for me:
A sturdy maid with a spirit brave
Who will match her pace with mine
On a road flint-white in a tide of light
When the hunter's moon is a-shine!
—Harriet Whitney Durbin, in The
People's Home Journal.

A Yank's Plan.

(By G. Ellette Sollitt.)
Dear Folks back home:

We fellows hold our young lives dear,
Were over here to lick the Huns.
It's up to you to give us guns!
We'll do our best. But it takes cash
To furnish all our guys with hash;
Now get this straight and understand
All you must do is lend a hand.
So we suggest you buy a "bond."
We'll do the rest across the pond.
You're giving aid by lending gold.
And turning Fritz's big feet cold!
These bonds are good investments,
too.

So buy a few! It's up to you!
Now av revoir! Help down the Hun.
With greetings from,
Your loving Son.

Marine Corps Notes.

Kansas City, Sept. 17.—To nearly
every U. S. fighter in France "Tobe"
is just an ornery o' Missouri mule. But
this doesn't apply to Private Victor
Irminger of the Marines, formerly a
farmer near Avondale, Mo.

Irminger was basking in the sun
near an old stone wall in the war zone
during a rest hour. His near cham-
ber was disturbed by the terrible bray
emanating from a noisy specimen of
his home state's livestock.
There could be no mistake. Irminger
hurried to the other side of the
wall and there discovered old Tobe to
whom he had said goodbye back on
the farm.

After Irminger's enlistment an army
mule buyer spied Tobe and in-
dented him into military service. The
story of how the Marine and the mule
discovered themselves both engaged
in the business of beating the Hun
was set forth in a letter from Irminger
to his relatives in Avondale.

Exhibits German Helmet.

Smith Stanton has on exhibition in
his window a bullet pierced German
helmet which was sent to Art Cling-
ensmith of this city by Ernest Cling-
ensmith, who is with the American
forces in France. The helmet is ripped
up in a number of places pre-
sumably by the same bullet which un-
doubtedly came from a machine gun.
The chances are that the German sol-
dier who wore the headgear has gone
to glory or somewhere else long ago—
"pushing up daisies," as our friend,
Sergt. Myers, says.

Local Boys Meet in France.

LeOtis Benson, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Eugene Benson, writing from "over
there," says that while in his tent,
he heard his name called from outside
and going out he stood face to face
with Frank Bush, a former Belding
boy and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred-
erick A. Bush, of Howell. It is
quite needless to say that the boys
were delighted—in fact the word de-
lighted does not express it. While
out on an exploring hike after meet-
ing they saw King Arthur's Round
Table, among the historic things that
they had read about.

Board of Commerce Luncheon.

There will be a board of commerce
luncheon served at the city hall audi-
torium Friday evening, Sept. 20, at
6:30 o'clock. The supper will cost
only 25 cents and will be well worth
the price. Please, now, notify the
secretary, Mr. Brown, for your tickets
in order that he will know how many
people will be present. It is earnestly
urged that everybody be present as
there are new and important matters
to be taken up.

Depots Have Combined.

The taking over of the railroads by
the government has resulted in the
combining of the two depots at Ionia,
and hereafter the Pere Marquette
trains will take on and discharge pas-
sengers at the Grand Trunk depot.
The station crew at the Grand Trunk
depot will remain at their positions
while the staff crew at the P. M.
depot will have to seek other fields
of labor. In the freight houses it is
just the opposite and the Grand Trunk
handlers will be looking for other
jobs from now on.

Likes Ocean Trips.

Charles Case, son of Mrs. Emma
Case, returned home for a short
furlough one day last week. Charles
is one of the boys in khaki who got in
early and he has made several trips
over to France, taking over tractors
used in hauling guns, ammunition,
etc. Charley says that he never got
very near the front lines as when
they got just about as near other sol-
diers always came and got the trac-
tors.

Masons Visited Greenville.

About 50 of the local Masons went
up to Greenville to attend a meeting
of the lodge there Friday evening.
Everyone reports having had an en-
joyable and fraternal evening.

HOUSEKEEPER NEEDS THE VOTE

Ballot is Necessary to Protect
the Home Under Changed
Conditions.

WOMAN'S VOICE IS NEEDED.

Michigan Voters Will Have an Oppor-
tunity to Change One-Sided
State of Affairs on
November 5.

Housekeeping today is not what it
used to be.
One hundred years ago our great
grandmothers spun the cloth and
made the clothes for the family. They
employed the family cobbler for a
week at a time, who made shoes for
the year from leather cured and
tanned on the premises. They baked
the bread, churned the butter, cured
the meat, and made the candles; in
short, housed under their roofs all
the activities that ministered to the
necessities and comforts of the fam-
ily.

Today all these processes are car-
ried on outside of the home. The
shoes are made in factories, the
clothes go through the sweatshops,
the meat is cured by big companies,
the bread is made at the bakeries,
and the butter comes from the cream-
eries.

Instead of living in houses open on
all sides to the sun, we have the ten-
ement house; instead of water directly
from a well or spring, we have piped
water; instead of the simple problem
of letting the small amount of gar-
bage decay in the sun, we have the
vast problem of a city's disposal.

All of these matters of food, clothes,
housing, water and garbage are sub-
ject to legislation. The state has
taken the place of the parents. The
question of regulation of all of these
matters so vital to a housekeeper is
one of collective opinion, expressed by
the ballot.

Michigan has settled her municipal
housekeeping problems by the collec-
tive opinion of men only. Women,
the natural housekeepers and home
makers, so far, have not had an op-
portunity to make their opinions felt
through the medium of the ballot.
Michigan voters, it is predicted, will
change this one-sided state of affairs
on November 5 by voting for woman
suffrage.

THE GOLDEN SWORD

By William F. Kirk.

Columbia! The battle clouds are
flung across the sky
And forms with uniforms for
shrouds in staring meadows lie;
In staling, tortured meadows, where
once God's daisies bloomed—
Where now the brave in one red
grave are evermore entombed.
The Monster Mars has left the stars
to bring a planet pain,
And in a cloak of blood and smoke
Man thrusts at Man again!

Yet far above the hellish horde—the
Hohenzollern kinds—
There gleams a great, a golden
sword—a sword that burns and
blinds!

The shining sword of knighthood—
the weapon of a band
That sprang from fearless fathers on
Plymouth's cheerless strand!
Well may the beads of terror stand
upon the Prussian brow!
The Golden Sword of Yankeeeland
has left the scabbard now!

Its blade is truly tempered in fires
of Sacrifice
By patriots brave who gladly gave
and proudly paid the price.
Its hilt is set with precious gems—
sweet Womanhood's supply—
The treasure-trove of Mother Love—
a sweetheart's fond good-by.

Crouch, Monarch, in your hall of
kings—the last of Monarchs'
Halls!
The Golden Sword of Freedom
swings! The last of monarchs
falls!

The Golden Sword of Freedom! It
points the way to light!
In dazzling rings it leaps and sings
the doom of Mailed Might!
Bring on your gold, O Freemen!
Shape well the glittering blade!
The Only Lord will bless this Sword
your sacrifice has made!

And down the ages yet unborn the
story shall be told
How Freedom's sons destroyed the
Huns with Freedom's Sword of
Gold!

Dorothy Dalton in "The Price
Mark" Sunday at Empress theater.

Congratulated Newlyweds.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs.
Lloyd Emmerson met with them at the
home of his father last Saturday eve-
ning and gave them a shower. About
60 shook hands with the young couple
and wished them good will. The
gifts were numerous, useful and beau-
tiful. May the years come and go
and find life's journey ended with all
the promise of its beginning fulfilled.

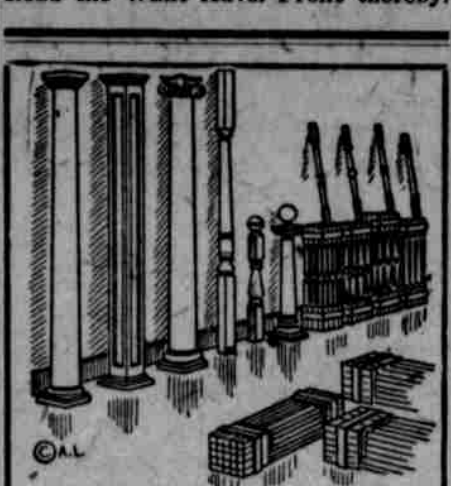
Notified of Mothers Death.

Dr. G. F. Smith received a tele-
gram Tuesday afternoon to the effect
that his mother, an aged resident of
St. Thomas, Ont., had just died and
he left at once for that place to at-
tend the funeral. He left here Tues-
day evening and expects to be back
again on Sunday evening.

W. R. C. Convention.

The 7th district convention of the
Woman's Relief corps will be held at
Hubbardston, Ionia county, Thursday
morning at 10 o'clock, Sept. 26. A
good program is being arranged.
Mary E. H. Coville,
President.

Read the Want Ads. Profit thereby.



Big Values in Porch Material

are not always apparent in the
price you pay, for unless the wood
they're made of is capable of
weathering the elements a cheap
first cost may prove a dear bar-
gain. We've selected our porch
material with a view to durability
and see to it that the seasoning is
not at fault when we fill an order.
Whether you are repairing or
building new we can fix you up.
We also carry in stock four sizes
of plate glass wind shields and
the famous Hartford headlight
dimmer lenses. Call at our office
and see them.

Belding Lumber Co. BELDING, MICH.



Splendidly designed cloth coats, fresh from the factory, are now here, awaiting them trying them on.

IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT COAT SEASON—
AND COATS NEVER WERE PRETTIER!

Designers, home and abroad, have co-operated to bring out
the sort of styles that have genuine appeal, this season.

We invite you to see them, and we think you'll agree that we
have assembled a really great assortment.

Lincoln's Department Store Belding, Michigan.

IN A NUT SHELL

\$ 2.50 monthly payment for about 139 months
will amount to \$ 500.00
\$ 5.00 monthly payment for about 139 months
will amount to \$1,000.00
\$10.00 monthly payment for about 139 months
will amount to \$2,000.00
Present rate of profits 7 74-100 per cent per annum.
Start your Savings Account now.

BELDING BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

Better Quality Appreciated

Several seasons ago when we begun
featuring BETTER QUALITY in
boys we believed that mothers
wanted that kind for their boys
and now we know that they do want
and do appreciate better quality in
boys' clothes.

Boys wear clothes in such a way as
to bring out clearly the merits in the
goods; and the character of the work-
manship. We offer a big assortment
of the better qualities in this sea-
son's styles; they're a little higher
priced than the poorer kind; but they
are really cheaper in the end.

We invite you to inspect these
when you need clothes for the boy.

FRISTOE & DIVINE The New Way Store

An Informal Fashion Show of the New Coats for Fall

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now here, awaiting them trying them on.

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